

Lesson: God Presents Forgiveness

Response: I Accept His Offer

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Part A: Find the missing words

Ephesians 1:7	In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of His _____ .
2 Timothy 3:15	...the Holy Scriptures, which are _____ to make you wise for salvation.
Psalms 103:8	The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and _____ing in mercy.
Ephesians 4:32	Even as _____ in Christ forgave you.
Hebrews 2:17	To _____ propitiation for the sins of the people.
Acts 20:21	...Repentance _____ God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Part B: Find the missing verse number

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Psalms 51: ____

Part C: Find the mystery verse

Use the verse number from "B" to figure out the chapter.

Use the words from "A" to figure out the verse.

2 Corinthians :

Bathsheba and David

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My response: I accept His offer

Verse: God is able to make all grace abound toward you. 2 Corinthians 9:8

Reference: 2 Samuel 11-12

Introduction: Review: Genealogy progression. Discuss how Ruth is the great grandmother of King David – the 2nd and greatest King that ever ruled in Israel. It was to David's family that the Lord promised the Messiah would come through.

- We have been looking at characters who were men and women of great faith. They were not perfect, but they made bold steps because of their faith in God.
 - Abraham? Left his home country
 - Rahab? Came to a foreign people because of her belief in their God
 - Ruth? Same as Rahab
- What about those who God speaks to, they know His promises, His Word – and yet they disobey?
Is there forgiveness for them?
- David is called a man after God's own heart and yet he sinned in a terrible way.
- It is springtime – time of battle – King David is a warrior but he stays home – relaxing. Sometimes relaxation can lead to sin – thoughts of things that are wrong.
- Walking on the terrace of the house, he sees a beautiful woman bathing – he is attracted to her. He has a choice to make. He has time to think about it BUT - he steps down into sin:
 - 1) Takes deliberate action and enquires about her – time to rethink
 - 2) Sends messengers to her and spends the night with her – time to confess
 - 3) Woman gets pregnant – opportunity to confess but he calls for Uriah instead
 - 4) Sends Uriah home to his wife but he stays with the king – David makes him drunk – still he does not return home
 - 5) Ultimate treachery – writes a letter to the commander of the army telling him to put Uriah in the most dangerous part of the battle and then desert him – SENDS the letter by Uriah!!
- Uriah is killed – David informs the messenger that these things happen in battle and promptly marries Bathsheba once her mourning period for her husband is over.
- **What should be done?** Think pair share - Have the girls come up with ideas and share with the group
- **How does God handle it?** Read 2 Samuel 12:1-8.
- **Does it sound like there is any hope?** Vs. 10-12
- **What if David repents?** – define repentance. Read vs 13-14. Dramatic change
- David and Bathsheba face the consequences of their sin – their child dies - BUT God gives them another child, Solomon AND Matthew 1:6-8 shows how fully God forgives – includes their child in the genealogy of Christ!
- Lesson: God's forgiveness is not based on the nature of our sin, the extent of it – it is a free offer to all those who are willing to admit they need it. There is no “process for forgiveness” – it is immediate to those who acknowledge their sin and their need. The simplicity of salvation 2 Samuel 12:13
- **Activity:** prize for person who discovers the mystery verse first